



The children of Joseph Stacy Murdock, first bishop of Heber City. Most of them spent their lives in Wasatch County. Seated, left to right, Ann Coleman; Margaret Murray, Ellen C. (Lottie) Wright, Jane Hylton. Back row, left to right, Parley A. Murdock, Andrew Murdock, Alva Murdock, William Murdock, David N. Murdock, John H. Murdock and Frank Murdock.

ing program for leadership. Those of experienced leadership quickly trained their counselors and local brethren and then were often called to other areas, leaving Church administration in the hands of those they had trained.

Bishop Murdock chose men of the area as his counselors. They were John W. Witt and Thomas Rasband with John Hamilton as ward clerk. In addition to presiding over Heber Ward, these men also directed Church affairs throughout the valley.

Under Bishop Murdock's direction, presiding elders were appointed in the communities that by this time were large enough to meet separately. John Harvey was named at Center Creek in 1861 and Sidney Epperson was called as presiding elder in 1862 for the upper Snake Creek settlement. In 1864 David Van Wagonen was sustained as presiding elder for the lower Snake Creek area and John Watkins of Midway was later appointed to preside in Charleston and traveled there to hold meetings on Sunday.

The calling of Bishop Murdock in Heber Ward lasted until 1867 when he was called by President Young to move to Southern Utah and attempt to raise cotton there. During his six years in Wasatch County he gained the love and respect of the people for his kindness and gener-



The Martial Band of Heber was a popular musical group in the valley. Pictured here at a Black Hawk celebration, they are in the front of the picture. Left to right, they are John (Keg) Duke Jr., Robert McKnight, A. Y. Duke, Will Thacker and James Shanks.

their very good exceptional music down through the years, and many new members joined down to the time the high school band was organized and started. Some others who played in the brass band later and down to that time, were: Anthony Olson, Mont Hatch, Guy Alexander, Piercy McMullen, Moroni Morris, Adolphia R. Duke, Andy Anderson, Arthur Olson, Elijah Hicken, Karl Probst, Seymore Duke, Owen Buell, Sterling Duke, Clayton C. Montgomery and others whose names are not available.

They furnished music for all occasions, concerts, holiday celebrations, funerals, etc. At different times the band had band uniforms. It is told of the early 10 members in about 1900 that they were all dressed in uniforms of scarlet coats, tight fitting with gold and red braid down the front and gold braid decorations on the shoulders, navy blue trousers. On their heads they wore dome-shaped navy hats with a large red feather plume. In this uniform they led the funeral procession of Johnathan Clegg and other funerals. They played to all funerals as well as to 4th and 24th parades and celebrations and thrilled the people with patriotism.

Popular for many years in the community were the mandolin and guitar clubs. Hundreds of programs included entertainment by members of these clubs. A few well known performers included Orson Moulton, Derrick Goodwin, Piercy McMullen, Roe Duke, Joe Duke and Alfred Sharp.

Another popular orchestra in the community was the Duke & Olson